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1. The Hangchow conference of 21 to 22 April was attended by Generalissimo CHIANG Kai-shek, acting President LI Tsung-jen, General PAI Chung-hsi, General TANG En-po, Premier HO Ying-chin and Chief of Staff KU Chu-tung. The Generalissimo stated that he will not emerge to conduct a last stand.
2. At the conference it was decided that PAI would return to defend Hankow, and TANG would defend the Shanghai-Hangchow area (which has priority) and the Chekiang-Fukien coastal areas.
3. The plans made to defend Shanghai will not be carried out because of TANG's weakness and troop defections, which have been more widespread than MND officials had anticipated. However, regardless of real or token defense, Shanghai will not hold for more than five days.
4. All departments of the Ministry of National Defense will leave Shanghai on the last evacuation planes not later than 27 April.

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6. The Chinese Communists and representatives of TANG En-po have made a bargain by which, in addition to money being passed to the Nationalists, the Nationalists were to be permitted to evacuate the bulk of their troops. The terms of this bargain include: first, a public rejection by TANG of Communist surrender demands; then a statement by TANG that fighting would continue. This "fighting" will be merely a token resistance. The "surrender," climaxing the fake resistance, was to have taken place the night of 24 April or 25 April. This arrangement was apparently reached between 21 and 24 April.

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